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Commissioner Jane Henney  
Food and Drug Administration  
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5630 Fishers Lane, Room 1061 (HFA-305)  
Rockville, MD 20852

Dear Commissioner Henney:

I am disheartened that the FDA is not doing more to ensure that genetically altered food ingredients and crops are safe. The exemption from rigorous testing is particularly galling. It makes no scientific sense. The FDA has done a responsible and commendable job of safeguarding the wellbeing of the public when it comes to pharmaceuticals, and the same standard should apply to genetically modified food.

I urge you to keep genetically engineered crops off the market and out of the food supply unless:

1. Independent safety testing demonstrates that genetically engineered crops have no harmful effect on human health or the environment.
2. Genetically engineered crops are labeled to ensure the consumer's right to know, and
3. The corporations that manufacture these crops are held liable for any harm.

I appreciate your attention to my concerns.

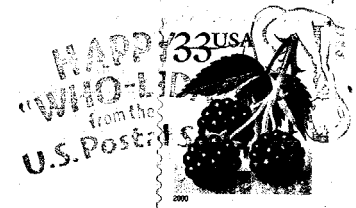
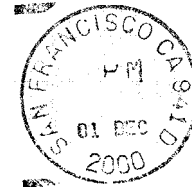
Sincerely,

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